- I. Chain of Custody
- II. Narrative Describe analyses performed and discuss any problems associated with the data reported.
- III. Sample Results (for each sample)

sample number date received matrix % solids (for non-aqueous samples only) concentration units metal and determined concentration

- IV. QC Data (for those QC samples required by the method used to determine the metals analyzed for)
 - Initial and Continuing Calibration Results source of calibration standard(s) concentration units true value (for each analyte) measured value (for each analyte) percent recovery (for each analyte)
 - ° CRDL Standard Recoveries for AA and ICP. (These analyses are required under the CLP protocols, other methods may or may not require that a standard at or near the detection limit of the instrument be analyzed to verify acceptable performance at that concentration level. If the method does not require such an analysis than this form is omitted.)

same as listed for initial and continuing calibration

° Blanks

preparation blank matrix instrument and preparation blank units initial calibration blank results continuing calibration blank results preparation blank results

° ICP Interference Check Sample (only needed if any analytes are determined by ICP methods)

ICP instrument ID (only if more than one ICP) concentration units true values (for each analyte and solution) found values (for each analyte and solution) percent recovery (for each analyte)

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Matrix Spike Sample Recovery matrix

 concentration units
 control limit
 spike sample result
 unspiked sample result
 amount of spike added
 percent recovery

Post Digest Spike Sample Recovery. (These analyses are required under the CLP protocols, other methods may or may not require that a post digest spike sample analysis be performed when the pre-digestion spike recovery is outside acceptable limits. If the method does not require such an analysis than this form is omitted)

same as for matrix spike recovery

- Duplicates (note: for laboratory duplicate analysis results only)
 matrix
 percent solids for sample and duplicate (if non-aqueous matrix)
 concentration units
 control limit
 sample results
 duplicate results
 relative percent difference (% RPD)
- Laboratory Control Sample
 matrix
 concentration units
 true value
 found value
 percent recovery
 control limits (if applicable)
- Method of Standard Addition Results (for each analyte result determined by MSA)

sample no.
analyte
0 ADD ABS
1 ADD and ABS
2 ADD and ABS
3 ADD and ABS
final conc.
correlation coefficient

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° ICP Serial Dilutions (only if ICP methods were used)

matrix concentration units initial sample result serial dilution result (corrected for dilution) percent difference

Instrument Detection Limits

instrument ID's wavelength type of background correction instrument detection limit

- orrection Factors (only if ICP methods were used)
 wavelength
 correction factor by analyte/interfering analyte
- ° ICP Linear Ranges (only if ICP methods were used)

V. Raw Data

For each reported value, the laboratory should include in the data package all raw data from the instrument used to obtain the sample values and the QA/QC values reported (except for raw data for quarterly verifications of instrument parameters such as IDLs and interelement correction factors). Raw data must contain all instrument readouts used for the sample results, including those readouts that may fall below the IDL. All AA and ICP instruments should provide a legible hard copy of the direct real-time instrument readout (i.e., stripcharts, printer tapes, etc.). A photocopy of the direct sequential instrument readout must be included. A hardcopy of the direct instrument readout for cyanide should be included if the instrumentation has the capability.

All raw data should include intensities (ICP) and absorbances (AA) with concentration units (unless instrument direct readout is in concentration units). All flame and furnace AA data should be grouped by element.

To facilitate data validation, it is recommended that the raw data be identified to identify the following:

- ° Calibration standards, including source and prep date.
- Initial and continuing calibration blanks and preparation blanks.

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- ° Initial and continuing calibration verification standards, interference check samples, and ICP serial dilution samples.
- Diluted and undiluted samples (by sample number) and all weights, dilutions and volumes used to obtain the reported values. (If the volumes, weights and dilutions are consistent for all samples in a given data package, a general statement outlining these parameters is sufficient).
- ° Duplicates.
- Spikes (indicating standard solutions used, final spike concentrations, volumes involved). If spike information (source, concentration, volume) is consistent for a given data package, a general statement outlining these parameters is sufficient).
- or data not used to obtain reported values and a brief written explanation.
- All information including date for furnace analysis clearly and sequentially identified on the raw data, including sample number, sample and analytical spike data, percent recovery, coefficient of variation, full MSA data, MSA correlation coefficient, slope and y intercept of linear fit, final sample concentration (standard addition concentration), and type of background correction used.
- Time and date of each analysis. Instrument run logs can be submitted if they contain this information. If the instrument does not automatically provide times of analysis, these should be manually entered on all raw data for initial and continuing calibration verification and blanks, as well as interference check samples and linear range analysis.
- o Integration times for AA analyses.

VII. Digestion and Distillation Logs

Digestion and distillation logs for all samples analyzed should be submitted. These logs should include: (1) date, (2) sample weights and volumes, (3) sufficient information to unequivocally identify which QC samples (i.e., laboratory control sample, preparation blank) correspond to each batch digested, (4) comments describing any significant sample changes or reactions which occur during preparation, and (5) indication of pH <2 or >12, as applicable.